Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 26 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 27 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023 at 16:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions to continue into the weekend. Low for extent of any persistent rain on Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 26 Oct 2023: Cloudy with rain at times in the east, often dry in the west

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 26 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
40%	30%	30%	30%	50%	50%	40%	40%

Forecast for Thursday 26 Oct 2023

Weather: A cloudy day with outbreaks of rain or drizzle, these most persistent and heaviest across Eastern Ross and the hills of Caithness. Wester Ross, northern Lochaber and Skye will see more in the way of drier weather with the chance of some morning brightness.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance in the west of the area

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in widespread low cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, Good visibility across the west of the area with only small amounts of cloud on the hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	37/46 E	33/42 E	23/30 E	23/29 E	22/28 SE	26/33 E	29/39 E	32/42 E	33/44 E
900	36/45 E	32/41 E	23/31 E	23/29 E	20/26 SE	24/32 E	28/37 E	30/40 E	31/42 E
600	24/35 E	20/31 E	13/22 E	15/22 E	15/21 SE	17/25 E	20/30 E	20/31 E	22/34 E
300	10/30 E	9/26 E	8/20 E	6/17 E	5/17 E	6/22 E	8/26 E	8/28 E	9/31 E
Glen	20/35 E	19/33 E	13/23 E	10/17 E	10/17 E	12/23 E	14/27 E	14/28 E	15/31 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-7	1/-6	2/-4	2/-4	3/-3	3/-3	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4
900	2/-6	2/-5	2/-4	3/-3	3/-2	4/-2	4/-3	3/-3	4/-3
600	4/-2	4/-1	4/-0	5/1	6/2	6/2	6/1	6/1	6/1
300	6/2	5/2	5/3	6/4	8/7	8/7	8/5	7/5	7/5
Glen	8/4	8/4	8/5	8/6	11/9	11/9	10/7	10/7	10/7
Freezing Level*	1400m	1400m	1400m	1400m	1500m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note significant wind chill at height. Winds will strengthen through the afternoon with a risk of gales on the highest tops by evening.

Forecast for Friday 27 Oct 2023
Weather: A lot of cloud through the day with outbreaks of rain, this heaviest and most persistent across the north and east of the area. Rain will ease through the evening. Strong to gale easterly winds.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 30 to 40 mph on the summits

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best chance across Skye, Wester Ross and northern Lochaber

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, but this may break in the southwest of the area

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 11 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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